

EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium

*Promoting the European network of independent
non-proliferation and disarmament think tanks*

Monday
November 10, 2025
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November 11, 2025
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2025 EU NON-PROLIFERATION AND DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

AGENDA

The Hotel.Brussels
Boulevard de Waterloo, 38 - Brussels
Belgium



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EUNPDC Mission Statement

The EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium (EUNPDC) forms the core of a wider network of European non-proliferation and disarmament think tanks and research centres. It is managed jointly by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), the Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique in Paris (FRS), the International Affairs Institute (IAI) in Rome, the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in London, the Peace Research Institute (HSFK/ PRIF) in Frankfurt, and the Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP), in close cooperation with the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the Foreign Policy Instrument (FPI) of the European Commission.

The Consortium and the Network aim to support the EU action to advance non-proliferation and disarmament. The mandate of the Consortium and the Network covers issues relating to weapons of mass destruction (WMD) but also to conventional arms, including small arms and light weapons (SALW).

The Consortium works through the organization of expert meetings, a major annual international conference, ad hoc seminars, the development of a dedicated website and various types of publications. It provides the EU with ad-hoc expertise and offers educational tools such as e-learning courses and internships. It also conducts various next generation activities, including a mentorship programme for young women. Finally, it is responsible for the organization of proliferation awareness trainings for specialists in natural sciences and other relevant fields and the arrangement of annual study visits to Brussels for participants in the UN Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament.

Participants are welcome to disclose ideas from EUNPD Annual Conference sessions.

An official photographer will be present and pictures will be displayed on the official webpage and social media sites.

SIX LEADING THINK TANKS



The Foundation for Strategic Research (FRS) was founded in 1998. It is an independent research centre and the leading French think tank on defense and security issues. Its team of experts in a variety of fields contributes to the strategic debate in France and abroad, and provides unique expertise across the board of defense and security studies. In the area of international security, its specific focuses are security doctrines, arms control, proliferation/dissemination issues and challenges, non-proliferation regimes and policies (small arms, conventional weapons, biological and chemical weapons, nuclear weapons, and their delivery systems). The FRS maintains an active presence in the strategic debate through its publications, its website, and the events it regularly organizes. It takes part in a network of European and international research



The Peace Research Institute in Frankfurt (PRIF), member of the Leibniz Association, is the largest as well as the oldest peace research institute in Germany. Founded in 1970, PRIF's work is directed towards carrying out research on peace and conflict, with a special emphasis on issues of arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament. With a total staff of approximately 80, PRIF researchers have a long-standing experience in political advice and consulting, having served, inter alia, in German delegations to NPT, CTBT, CWC, BWC, Ottawa Convention and SALW gatherings, in the UN Advisory Council on Disarmament Matters and in IAEA Expert Groups. Today, PRIF's arms control division covers chemical, biological, nuclear and radiological weapons, small and light weapons, conventional weapons, drones, autonomous weapons, emerging technologies as well as mines and cluster ammunition.



The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), founded in 1958, is an independent centre for research, information and debate on global security, political risk, and military conflict. It aims to provide, through publications and discussion forums, the best possible analysis on strategic trends, and to facilitate contacts that would lead to the development of better public policy in the fields of military power and international relations and security. Headquartered in London, the IISS has offices in Germany, the US, Singapore and Bahrain. The IISS Strategy, Technology, and Arms Control Program is based in the IISS-Europe office in Berlin and seeks to provide objective analysis of trends in global conflicts, the strategies and technology employed to achieve security policy aims, and how arms control can support achieving these aims.



**STOCKHOLM INTERNATIONAL
PEACE RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) is an independent international institute dedicated to research into conflict, armaments, arms control and disarmament. Established in 1966, SIPRI provides data, analysis and recommendations, based on open sources, to policymakers, researchers, media and the interested public. Located in Stockholm, Sweden, SIPRI offers a unique platform for researchers from different countries to work in close cooperation. The Institute also hosts guest researchers and interns who work on issues related to the SIPRI research programmes. SIPRI maintains contacts with other research centres and individual researchers throughout the world. The Institute cooperates closely with several intergovernmental organizations and entities, including the United Nations, the European Union, the IAEA and the OPCW, and regularly provides support to parliamentary, scientific and government partners.



The International Affairs Institute (IAI) is an independent think tank, founded in 1965 on the initiative of Altiero Spinelli. IAI aims to promote the understanding of international politics and international relations and to contribute to the advancement of European integration and multilateral cooperation through conferences, seminars, publications and training. It is the leading Italian study centre on defence and security but its scope also encompasses EU issues, international economics and global governance, energy, climate and Italian foreign policy as well as the dynamics of cooperation and conflict in the Mediterranean and Middle East, Asia, Africa and the Americas. The institute provides advice to governmental institutions and collaborates on a regular basis with the European Union, NATO and the OSCE. It takes part in several European, regional and global research networks.



The Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP) is an international non-governmental organisation. It was established on the initiative of the Austrian Foreign Ministry in 2010 and officially opened in 2011. The VCDNP promotes international peace and security by conducting research, facilitating dialogue, and building capacity on nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament. In order to fulfil its mission, the VCDNP conducts conferences, workshops, seminars and other forums to foster results-oriented dialogue and discussion among international organisations, national governments, non-governmental experts, scholars and civil society. Through both in-person courses and online resources on nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, the Center trains diplomats and practitioners working in Vienna and around the world. In addition to reports and occasional papers, VCDNP experts publish succinct reference briefs and explainers on multilateral nuclear governance, organisations and regimes. The VCDNP offers outreach and other programmes to engage young women and the next generation in arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament field.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025

The Hotel.Brussels
Boulevard de Waterloo, 38
Brussels

14:00 *Registration of Participants*

INTRODUCTORY SESSION

Grand Ballroom
1st floor

14:50 – 15:05 Welcome Address and Conference Presentation

Ettore Greco, *Executive Vice President, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome*
Ludovica Castelli, *Project Manager at EUNPDC, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome*

15:00 – 15:15 Opening Remarks

Benedikta von Seherr-Thoss, *Managing Director for Peace, Security and Defence, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels*

KEYNOTE SPEECH SESSION

15:15 – 16:00 **Securing Nuclear Facilities: Threats, Norms, and Governance**

Chair:

Christina McAllister, *Senior Fellow and Director, Partnerships in Proliferation Prevention Program, Stimson Center, Washington D.C.*

Speaker:

Rafael Grossi, *Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Vienna*

Q&A

PLENARY SESSION

16:00 – 17:15 **Rethinking Nuclear Arms Control in a Changing Security Environment**

Chair:

Stephan Klement, *EU Special Envoy for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels*

Speakers:

Elena K. Sokova, *Executive Director, Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP)*

Stephen Lillie, *Director for Defence and International Security, Foreign, Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO), London*

Guillaume Ollagnier, *Director for Strategic Affairs, Security and Disarmament, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France, Paris*

Q&A

17:15 – 17:45

Break

PLENARY SESSION

17:45 – 19:00

Conventional Arms Control: Pathways to Enhanced Cooperation

Chair:

Alexander K. Bollfrass, *Head of Strategy, Technology and Arms Control, IISS, London*

Speakers:

Manuel Martinez Miralles, *Programme Management Officer in the Conventional Arms Branch, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), New York*

Nicholas Marsh, *Senior Researcher, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)*

Juliana Buzi, *Regional Cooperation Specialist, Southeastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Belgrade*

Carina Solmirano, *Head of Arms Trade Treaty Secretariat, Geneva*

Q&A

19:30

Welcome Dinner

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025

PARALLEL SESSIONS

09:00 – 10:30

East Asia's Strategic Landscape: Power Dynamics and Regional Dialogue

Chair:

Cameron P. Hunter, *Researcher, University of Copenhagen*

Speakers:

Melissa Conley Tyler, *Executive Director, Asia-Pacific Development, Diplomacy & Defence Dialogue, Armidale*

Michiru Nishida, *Professor, School of Global Humanities and Social Sciences, Nagasaki University*

Hua Han, *Associate Professor, School of International Studies (SIS), Peking University*

Q&A

**Park Ballroom
1st floor**

09:00 – 10:30

Strategic Competition Beyond Earth: The Politics of Outer Space Security

Chair:

Sarah Dunn, *PhD Candidate, School of History, Politics, and International Relations, University of Leicester*

Speakers:

Bleddyn Bowen, *Associate Professor of Astropolitics and Co-Director of the Space Research Centre, Durham University*

Victoria Samson, *Chief Director, Space Security and Stability, Secure World Foundation, Washington D.C.*

Marjolijn van Deelen, *Special Envoy for Space, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels*

Yun Zhao, *Henry Cheng Professor in International Law and Associate Dean (Mainland Affairs), Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong*

Q&A

**Meet 26.1
26th floor**

09:00 – 10:30

Conflict Management and Regional Diplomacy in the Middle East

Chair:

Ludovica Castelli, *Project Manager at EUNPDC, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome*

Speakers:

Stephan Klement, *EU Special Envoy for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels*

Abdolrasool Divsallar, *Senior Researcher, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), Geneva*

Raz Zimmt, *Director of the Iran and the Shiite Axis Research Program, Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), Tel Aviv*

Amnah Ibraheem, *Director of Emergency Operations and Senior Advisor to the GCC Emergency Management Center, Kuwait City*

Q&A

10:30 – 11:00

Break

PARALLEL SESSIONS

11:00 – 12:30

Biological Weapons Convention at 50: Achievements, Gaps, and the Road Ahead

Chair:

Sana Zakaria, *Senior Research Leader and RAND Scholar for Pandemic Preparedness, RAND Europe, London*

Speakers:

Irma Makalinao, *Coordinator for CBRN Health Security Initiatives, University of the Philippines Manila and Member of the ISC Expert Group for Science-Policy Synergies for the Biological Weapons Convention, Manila*

Una Jakob, *Head of the Research Group Biological and Chemical Disarmament and Security, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF)*

Leonardo Bencini, *Permanent Representative of Italy to the Conference on Disarmament and President of the 9th BWC RevCon, Geneva*

Frederico S. Duque Estrada Meyer, *Permanent Representative of Brazil to the Conference on Disarmament and Chair of the Working Group on the Strengthening of the BWC, Geneva*

Q&A

**Grand Ballroom
1st floor**

**Meet 26.1
26th floor**

11:00 – 12:30

Emerging Technologies and the Future of Arms Control

Chair:

Ondrej Rosendorf, *Postdoctoral Researcher, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, Prague*

Speakers:

Cyril Martel, *Head of the Biosecurity Division, Danish Centre for Biosecurity and Biopreparedness, Copenhagen*

Elke Schwarz, *Professor of Political Theory, Queen Mary University of London*

Tong Zhao, *Senior Fellow, Nuclear Policy Program and China Center, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington D.C.*

Branka Marijan, *Senior Researcher, Project Ploughshares, Hamilton, Canada*

Q&A

Grand Ballroom
1st floor

11:00 – 12:30

India–Pakistan: Prospects for Strategic Stability and Cooperation

Chair:

Chiara Cervasio, *Policy Fellow and Programme Manager of the Programme on Nuclear Responsibilities, British American Security Information Council (BASIC), London*

Speakers:

Rabia Akthar, *Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Lahore*

Ruhee Neog, *Director, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS), New Delhi*

Petr Topychkanov, *Associate Senior Researcher, Weapons of Mass Destruction Programme, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Stockholm*

Christopher Clary, *Associate Professor of Political Science, University at Albany, New York*

Q&A

Park Ballroom
1st floor

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

13:30 – 14:45

The Future of Non-Proliferation and Disarmament: A Conversation between Generations

Chair:

Federica Dall’Arche, Senior Research Associate, Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP)

Speakers:

Jennie Gromoll, Non-Resident Fellow, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS), Washington D.C.

Wilfred Wan, Director, Weapons of Mass Destruction Programme, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

Fer Avar, PhD Researcher in International Security at the University of Antwerp

Eleonora Neri, International Relations Specialist, Vienna Institute for Global Studies, MODUL University

Q&A

14:45 – 16:00

European Security and the War in Ukraine: Towards a New Strategic Posture?

Chair:

Michal Onderco, Professor of International Relations, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Speakers:

Maciej Stadejek, Director for Security and Defence Policy, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels

Mariana Budjeryn, Senior Researcher, MIT’s Center for Nuclear Security Policy, Boston

Arkady Moshes, Director for Russia, EU’s Eastern Neighbourhood and Eurasia Research Programme, Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA), Helsinki

Carmen Romero, Director of Security Policy, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), Brussels

Q&A

16:00 – 16:30

Break

**Grand Ballroom
1st floor**

16:30 – 17:45

Bridging Divides: Diplomatic Strategies Ahead of the 2026 NPT RevCon

Chair:

Jacek Bylica, *Chief of Cabinet for the Director General, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Vienna*

Speakers:

Francesca Giovannini, *Executive Director, Belfer Center's Project on Managing the Atom, Harvard University, Boston*

Jana Baldus, *Policy Fellow, European Leadership Network (ELN), London*

Olamide Samuel, *Network and Engagement Specialist, Open Nuclear Network (ONN), Vienna*

Q&A

KEYNOTE SPEECH SESSION

17:45 – 18:15

The Disarmament Agenda: 80 Years After Hiroshima

Chair:

Benjamin Hautecouverture, *Senior Research Fellow, Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique (FRS), Paris*

Speaker:

Izumi Nakamitsu, *High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), New York*

Q&A

CLOSING REMARKS

18:15 – 18:30

Peter Wagner, *Head of Service "Foreign Policy Instruments", European Commission, Brussels*

Sibylle Bauer, *Chair, EU Non-proliferation and Disarmament Consortium/Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)*

Stephan Klement, *EU Special Envoy for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels*

19:00

Farewell Dinner